

2020 Annual General Meeting Branch Return

Instructions to Branch Secretary

1. This form should be completed immediately after your Branch AGM.
2. Enter Branch Number in box on Page 1.
3. Parts 1 to 4 must be completed by all Branches with Part 5 completed where appropriate.
4. If a Committee Member acts as a contact for mail for a particular location, please include a note to that effect.
5. Sign and date the declaration on page 4 and return the completed form to: **Executive Officer (Membership)**

**NIPSA Headquarters
54 Wellington Park
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Explanatory Note on Trades Councils

A Trades Council is a local body comprised of representatives of branches from the various Trade Unions operating in a particular area which affiliate together to form a Council, providing a welcome forum for co-ordinated solidarity action. There are currently nine working Trades Councils (listed below) affiliated to NIC-ICTU in which NIPSA members play an active role.

The purpose of a Trades Council is to bring together unions to work and campaign around issues affecting working people in their local work places and communities. They relate to community affairs, as opposed to industrial relations which are the jurisdiction of the individual unions. Trades Councils can campaign effectively on community-wide matters, building broad based alliances in opposition to major issues such as water charges, creeping privatisation and racism, and regularly organise support activities for workers in dispute. They therefore form an important layer in a trade union movement that seeks to represent its members both at work and at community level. NIPSA actively encourages all members to participate in the work of Trades Councils within their Branch locations.

Contact List for Trades Councils as of September 2020

Affiliated Councils of Trade Unions

Council	Secretary	Email
Ballymena and Antrim Trades Council	Lucille O'Hagan	<i>Lucille.OHagan@northerntrust.hscni.net</i>
Belfast and District Trades Union Council	Kevin Doherty	<i>kevin.doherty@ictuni.org</i>
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North Down and Ards Trades Council	Janette McNulty	<i>Janette.McNulty@deni.gov.uk</i>
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If you have any queries about other Trades Councils or wish to establish one in your area please contact Kevin Doherty, ICTU, on 028 9024 7940 or at *kevin.doherty@ictuni.org*